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Timely Tidbits ...

Chamber Golf Outing

The Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce invites you to take part in its annual Golf Outing/Fund-raiser, set for Thursday, August 23, at Gateway Golf Club. The event, with its four-person-scrabble format, will begin at 7:30 a.m. with registration and a continental breakfast; the shotgun start is set for 8:30 a.m. A donation of \$460 per foursome (no refunds) covers 18 holes of golf, a golf cart, refreshments on the course, and a pig-roast banquet afterward, as well as cash and prize awards.

For more information, call the Chamber: 734-326-4290.

Blood Drive

Members of the local community are urged to take part in the fourth annual Downriver "Pint of Life" Blood Challenge, to be held at the Romulus Recreation/Senior Center (located at 36515 Bibbins in downtown Romulus) on Thursday, June 28, from 1 to 7 p.m.

"If you're at least 17 years of age, in general good health, and weigh at least 110 pounds, you're probably eligible to donate," says Linda Norman, Senior Center Program Coordinator. "Even if you have a cold, are diabetic, have had recent dental work or x-rays, or are taking medication, you may be a candidate.

"For instance," she continued, "many people think that you can't donate blood if you take blood-pressure medication, but that isn't necessarily true. As long as your pressure is normal, you're eligible."

A complete list of criteria is available at the Recreation/Senior Center.

Norman said that everyone who takes part in the drive will receive a coupon book worth \$400 in goods and services at local business establishments.

Participants will also be entered in a drawing for the grand prize: a complete set of the 2000 series of "Teenie Beanie Babies."

To make an appointment, call 734-942-6852. Walk-ins are also welcome. □

Buckley, Frayer Elected To School Board; Berlinn To Serve On Wayne County Board



Cheryle Buckley



April Frayer



Kenneth Berlinn

On Monday, June 11, voters residing in the Romulus Community Schools district elected two newcomers to the Board of Education: Cheryle Buckley and April Frayer.

Buckley, the vote leader with 630, and Frayer, who garnered 549 votes, defeated incumbent Kenneth E. Berlinn (372) and fellow challengers Richard Coate (186) and Patricia Johnson (85). Outgoing Board Secretary Eva W. Webb did not seek reelection.

A total of 1,084 votes were cast.

In a prepared statement, Buckley said, "I am very excited and pleased with the outcome of the election. To see the outpouring of support was overwhelming. I am looking forward to giving that support back to the community, staff, and students.

"Special thanks to all my supporters," she concluded.

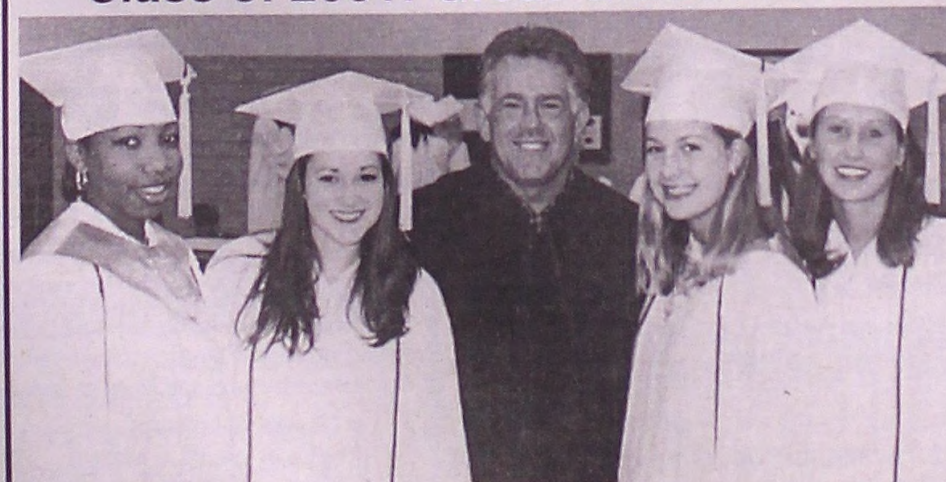
Frayer also expressed her happiness about the election results.

"I want to thank the residents for getting out to the polls and giving me their support," she said. "I promise you all that I will work very hard to insure that our kids will get the best education possible."

Although voters did not return Berlinn to his local Board seat, the district's "elder statesman" will be putting his 19 years of experience to work for Romulus and the rest of Wayne County as a

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Class of 2001: Great Graduation ...



Alan Lambert (center), Treasurer of the Romulus Community Schools Board of Education, was one of several Board members on hand to congratulate Romulus High School graduates – including (from left) Jehiquita Tucker, Carla Harris, Nicole Johnson, and Sara Turner – at their commencement, held Saturday, June 9, in the High School Field House.

... Perfect Prom



Among those who attended the Romulus High School Prom were Monique Chadwick and Chris Talley. (For more photos, please see pages 6-7.)

Letters to the Editor

Editor's note: All letters to the editor must contain the writer's signature and a telephone number where he/she can be reached in order to verify the letter's authenticity. Names will be withheld by request if, in our opinion, the letter's content merits anonymity.

The Romulus News reserves the right to edit all letters for clarity and, if necessary, brevity.

Lucky To Have Bales

Editor's note: The following letter was originally addressed to Romulus Community Schools Superintendent Joel R. Carr.

Dear Sir:

I attended the Fish Camp [employee motivational program] in Minneapolis last week and was fortunate enough to be placed at the table with Carole Bales. Carole was not only an inspiration to me, but to many others. I appreciated so much her willingness to share materials and ideas that worked for your district.

It seems, in this impersonal world we live in, that we don't always take the time to thank those who touch our lives in meaningful ways. Not only do I wish to thank Carole for all that she did, but I want you to know, as her employer, how smart you are to have her working for you!

My best to you and your district, and continued success!

Sincerely,

LaVietta Prichard

Staff Development Specialist

Missouri Accelerated Schools

Springfield, Missouri

EMU Hosts Romulus Day

Dear Friends of Romulus,

We are excited to be heading into our second season at Eastern Michigan University with our new coaching staff and football program. Our theme for the 2001 season will be *Back on Track*.

EMU football made national headlines when we signed the outstanding "Romulus 7": Sam Estes, Ray Graves, Daniel Jarrett, Myron Mosby, Chris Talley, John Wester, and Michael Woods.

EMU Athletics proudly invites you to attend **ROMULUS DAY** on September 1, 2001. This special day will pay tribute to the City of Romulus during the EMU vs. Southeast Missouri football game. Kickoff is at 6 p.m.

Special promotions include:

- recognition of attending groups on the score board and the playing field,
- group ticket prices,
- 50% off ticket prices to anyone wearing Romulus apparel, and
- tailgate opportunities.

Mark your calendars so you don't miss the chance to see your Romulus players make their debut at the opening game of the 2001 EMU football season.

For group ticket information or questions, call Matt Lucas, Associate Athletic Director, at 734-487-7859, or e-mail him at matt.lucas@emich.edu.

In closing, we thank the entire Romulus community for their interest in EMU football. Get ready to show your pride at Romulus Day!

Sincerely,

Jeff "Woody" Woodruff

Head Football Coach

Eastern Michigan University □



THANK YOU VERY MUCH

for your support in this week's School Board election. I can assure you that I will work very diligently to improve the educational process for all Romulus children.

I accept this challenge and the responsibility of working in conjunction with my fellow board members to make the Romulus school district a model of which you can be proud, not only for the County of Wayne and the State of Michigan, but for the entire nation.

Again, thanks. I look forward to the opportunity you have given me.

CHERYLE BUCKLEY

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A public hearing on its proposed budget will be held by the Board of Education of the Romulus Community Schools on:

Monday, June 25, 2001
at 6:00 p.m.

in the
Board of Education Office
36540 Grant Road
Romulus, MI 48174

THE PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE RATE PROPOSED TO BE LEVIED TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSED BUDGET WILL BE A SUBJECT OF THIS HEARING.

Copies of the proposed budget will be available for review in the Romulus Administrative Office between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on June 25, 2001.

Eva W. Webb, Secretary
Romulus Board of Education

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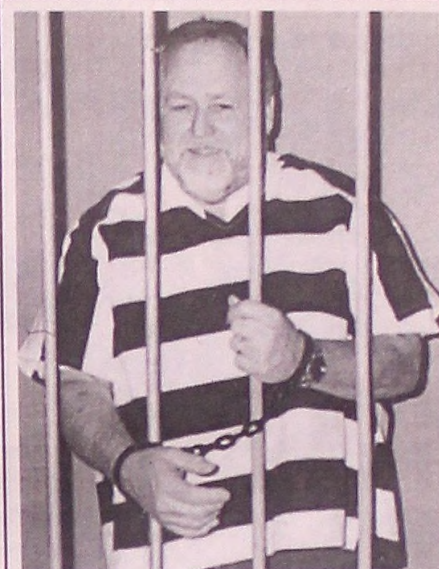
Mock Lockup Event Raises Money for MDA, "Jerry's Kids"

On Tuesday, May 22, local business leaders, government and school officials, and other community-minded individuals were "Locked Up For Good" during the Romulus MDA Mock Lockup program, which raised funds to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association's patient families in Romulus and surrounding communities.

"The MDA Lockup is a fun event," said Heather Jaqua, MDA spokesperson. "In order to arrange for their release, our 'jailbirds' have to solicit 'bail' donations from family, friends, coworkers, and others in the community."

Altogether, said Jaqua, the event raised just under \$20,000.

Area participants in the MDA Mock Lockup program included: Kathleen Allender, Cheryl Anderson (Little Valley Homes), John B. (Burger King), Carol Bechtel (U.S. Post Office), Jack Bidlack (QSI Food Marts Inc.), Stephanie Bobbitt (Wendy's), Greg Boggs (Irvin Takta Auto-



Marvin Long was "locked up for good."

motive), Rusty Brown (Burger King), Ron Darin (Summit Academy High),
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Sharing the Pride of Accomplishment

By Mayor William M. Oakley, City of Romulus

Graduation week in Romulus is a special time for everyone. Whether your family has a graduating senior or not, you probably know someone who does and can share in their pride of accomplishment. Every year, our seniors show that the City of Romulus produces some of the best and brightest students in our state.

This year is no exception. The Class of 2001 has distinguished itself in so many ways that listing them along with their accomplishments took two pages of newsprint. Each of our four co-valedictorians carries a grade point average of 4.00 or above, and 56 students graduated with academic honors.

Romulus excelled athletically, as well. On April 24, 2001, I received notification that Eastern Michigan University has scheduled "Romulus Day" for September 1, 2001, during the EMU vs. Southeast Missouri football game (see letter on page 2). This is a wonderful opportunity for all of us to cheer our hometown and the accomplishments of seven very talented athletes.

This year also marks an important milestone for our friend, Ryan Block, who just graduated from Romulus High School. For those who may not know, Ryan has been the

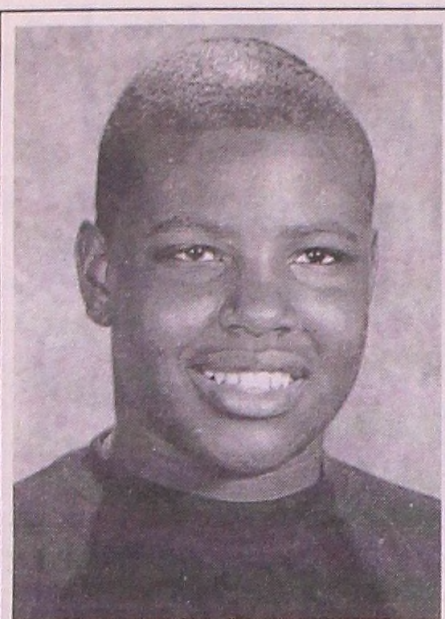
hard-working designer behind the City of Romulus Web site, which can be found at www.cityofromulus.com. Anyone who looks at the site will find it to be of the best quality and highly informational. Ryan has received a great deal of attention both in Romulus and regionally for his work, including the Community Service Award. We wish Ryan great success in his future endeavors. We congratulate and thank him for his commitment to his studies and to his city.

On June 14, 2001, the Romulus Community Schools let out for summer break. Those elementary-school students, middle-school students, and high-school underclassmen are the future graduating classes of Romulus High School. They, too, will continue their studies and amass an impressive list of accomplishments that we will one day delight in as they cross the floor for their diplomas.

As we drive through town this summer, we should think of the Class of 2001 and all the classes yet to come. Drive slowly and carefully. Watch as you drive through subdivisions and please obey traffic signs and signals. The Class of 2002 is out there, along with every class until 2019. They are by far our most precious resource.

Congratulations, Class of 2001. The best is yet to come. □

Chris Green, RMS Student, To Spend Three Weeks in Europe



Christopher Greene

Christopher Greene, a Romulus Middle School eighth-grader, will be traveling to Europe this summer with the People to People Student Ambassador Educational Program. He previously traveled with the group in 1999,

when they toured England, Scotland, and Wales.

This year, Greene and his group will depart on June 23 to visit England, France (where they will live with host families to learn about French life), Greece, and Italy, before returning on July 13.

Both of Greene's parents – Lorna Cheatham and Nathaniel Greene – are nearly as excited about this wonderful opportunity as he is.

The People to People program was founded in the late 1950s by then President Dwight D. Eisenhower, who recognized how vital it is for young people to learn the importance of promoting understanding and friendship between people of all countries. Student ambassadors experience personal growth through an enriching program of educational and cultural interaction, and also develop increased levels of maturity and independence.

Greene will receive academic credits toward high school and college for participating in the program. □

Halecreek Presents Talent Show



Participants in Halecreek's recent talent show included (from left): front row – Erin Bragg, Ashleye Borkins, Chenise Smith, and Autumn King; middle row – Filmore Bouldes, Jerry Morgan, Xavier Alexander, Elijah Lee; Brittany Charleston, Rashae Pree, Adianna Diebel, and puppet "Silverstein"; back row – Martin Griffin, Sharmae Henderson, Katie Cousino, Alyse Hopkins, Jennifer Kubicki, and Jenna Hopkins.

Berlinn Elected To WCRESA Board

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newly elected member of the Regional Educational Service Agency's Board of Education. RESA provides a variety of services – in areas such as special education, teacher training, technology, and financial, student, and employee record-keeping – for the 34 school districts in Wayne County.

"I'm looking forward to helping the RESA Board with its fine work, and to

continuing the cooperative efforts between RESA and the Romulus schools," he said.

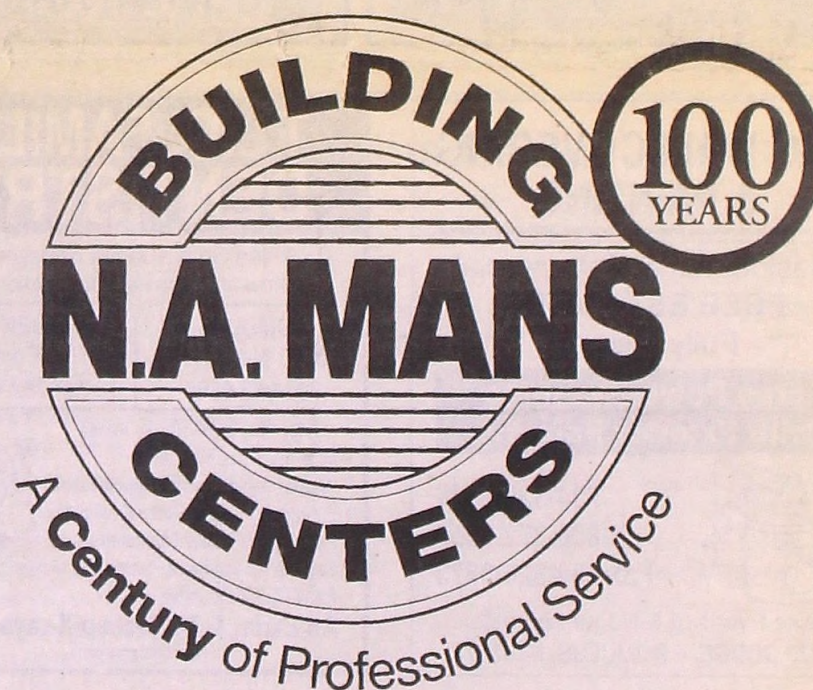
Berlinn is the first Romulus resident to serve on the WCRESA Board since the late Carl Morris, who served approximately 24 years on the Intermediate School Board (as it was then known) in various capacities, including president, until the time of his death in October 1982. □

"Shower" Benefits Local Babies



Wayne County Health Department spokesperson Lavada Dean (right) addressed a group of young mothers – including Lori Swangim (pictured here with son Justin, age one, and daughter Megan, age four) – at the Romulus Head Start program's recent Baby Shower benefit, held May 23. Other highlights of the event included luncheon, a raffle, and gift-giving.

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Audits Focus on Improvement



Audit experts in the field of life-management education address the Romulus Middle School and High School course offerings: (from left, around table) Lynne Mossoian (current principal, Halecreek Elementary; future principal of Romulus Elementary), Melvin Kimbrough (principal, Romulus Middle School), Dan Hurst (principal, Romulus High School), Pam Schaffer (career and technical education auditor from the Utica school system), Phyllis Wilkerson (life-management teacher, Romulus High School), Betty Santo (life-management teacher, Romulus Middle School), and Ruth Wollin (career and technical auditor from the Flint school system).

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Mock Lockup Raises Money for MDA

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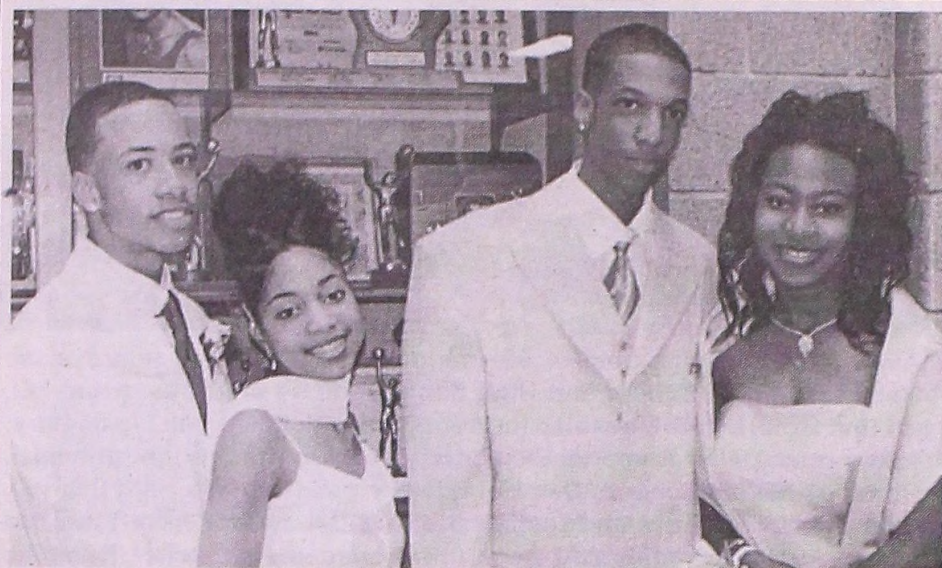
Keith Duarard (Ding Removal Co.), Fred Fox (HMS Host Central Services), Dave Gentry (Mammoth Video), Lawrence Gilbert (Merriman Construction), Carl Gilstorff (Brigill Trucking), Shae Grinage (Tin Pan Saloon), Sandy Hammet (Header Products), Amy Jo Haratyk (EQ Resource Recovery), Renee Harbert (Public Service Credit Union), Paula Hayes (Play House Inc.), Darlene Hess (R.L. Castino Co.), Angelique Hudson (Clarion-Barcelo), Kathy Huver (Double-Tree Hotels), Greg Lamkin (City of Romulus Department of Public Works),

Marvin Long (Tailormaid Archery Products), Katrina Marshall (Hilton Hotels), Mark Mattox (Wellesley Townhouses), William Parker (Parker's Rib Haus & Soul Food), Penny Roberts (Van Buren Estates), Joe Serra (Lear Corporation), Earl Smith (Birch Run), Daina Sorgan (Franklin Group), T. Dawn Springer (34th District Court), Michelle Stevens (Ann Arbor Paving), Doris Stone (Globe Airport Security), Patrick Sullivan (Michigan Recovery Systems), Rod Sutherby (Pro-Trans International Inc.), Jim Velure (N.A. Man's Distributing Co.), and Denise Webb (Belleville Medical Clinic).



Others who took part in the Romulus MDA Mock Lockup included (from left) Kathleen Allender, Jack Bidlack, and Denise Webb.

RHS Prom 2001



Among those who attended Romulus High School's Prom 2001 were (from left) Chris Rocker, Briana Smith, Larry Harris, and Chardai Rhodes.



Crystal Humble, Neil Sneath, Kelly Bottenhorn, Chris Deaton, Kara Coughlin, and Plooci Dejamir.



Chris Rocker, Briana Smith, Jackie Hamilton, and Marcus Jones.



Danylle Malloy, Jason Gibson, Eric Staton, and Nicole Johnson.

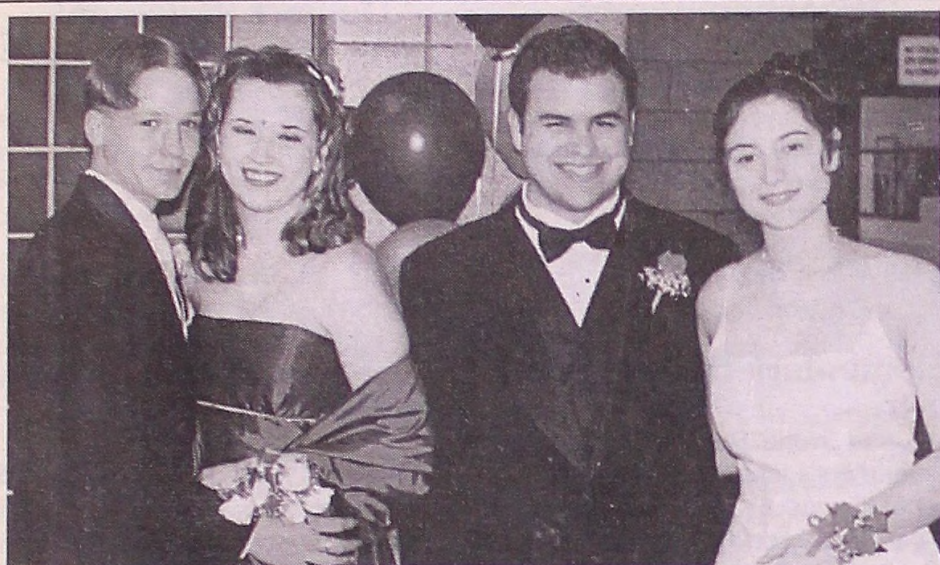


Charlie Smith, Carrie Spielman, Danylle Malloy, Jason Gibson, Keith Hubbard, Amy Zilka, Erik Williams, and Jennifer Gregory.



Preston Rose, Kim Usztics, Keith Dean, Jodi Bright, Billy Gibson, and Emily Schulz.

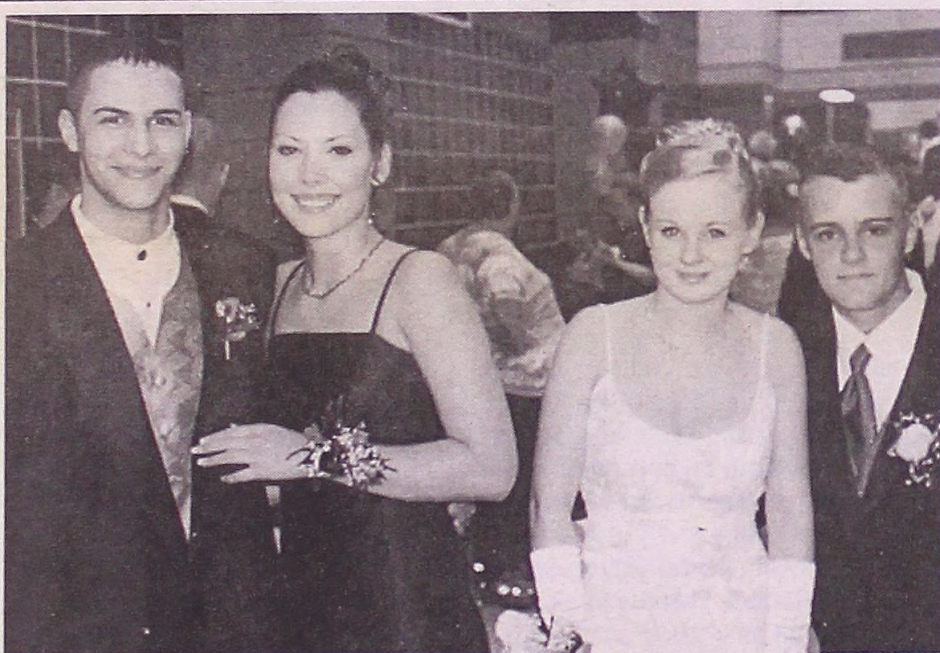
RHS Prom 2001



Also in attendance were (from left) Tim Buerhle, Tara Brown, Steve Harper, and Amy Hudson.



Darren Cox, Sara Turner, Carrie Spielman, Stacey LeBlanc, Brian Blair, and Carla Harris.



Steven Tasky, Kelli Weimer, Jennifer Dewitt, and Jeremy Taylor.



Zachary Stark, Stephanie Blackburn, Bret Kropag, and Amanda Michniak.



Melissa Redding, Crystal Campbell, Vanity Boyd, and Jeriesha Lee.



Aaron Brown, Angela Johnson, Shaepree Lee, and Dino Vann.

Recreation News

Thanks to Debbie Dick, Director, City of Romulus Department of Parks and Recreation, and Keith Brothers, Recreation Coordinator, for supplying information for the "Recreation News" column.

Unless otherwise noted, registration for the following programs should be made at the Romulus Recreation Center (36515 Bibbins) during its regular hours (weekdays, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.). For more information, stop in at the Center or call 734-942-6852.

Summer Golf Lessons

The Romulus Recreation Department is now accepting registrations for youth golf lessons, taught by PGA pro Bob Malloy. The four-week program, which begins June 16, features beginners' classes for ages 8 to 17 each Saturday from 2:15 to 3 p.m. or from 3:15 to 4 p.m. A cost of \$52 per child covers instruction, a small bucket of golf balls, and clubs (if needed).

Summer Tennis Lessons

The Romulus Recreation Department is now accepting registrations for youth and adult tennis lessons, taught by Phil Yaccick. Classes – which begin the week of June 18 and continue through the week of July 23 – will be offered as follows:

- beginners (grades 1–2): Mon./Wed., 1 to 2 p.m.;
- advanced (grades 1–2): Tue./Thur., 1 to 2 p.m.;
- beginners (grades 3–4): Mon./Wed., 2 to 3 p.m.;
- advanced (grades 3–4): Tue./Thur., 2 to 3 p.m.;
- beginners (grades 5–6): Mon./Wed., 3 to 4 p.m.;
- advanced (grades 5–6): Tue./Thur., 3 to 4 p.m.;
- beginners (grades 7–8): Mon./Wed., 4 to 5 p.m.;
- advanced (grades 7–8): Tue./Thur., 4 to 5 p.m.; and
- high-school age and adult: Thur., 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. or 6 to 8 p.m.

Cost is \$20 per person; racquets are available at an additional \$10.

Travel Tennis Team

The Romulus Recreation Department and the United States Tennis Association are cosponsoring a traveling tennis program for high-schoolers. The program, to be coached by Gina Carter, will run from June 25 to August 8. Play will be on Mondays and Wednesdays; lessons will be available to students when they are not playing a match. A \$35 cost also covers balls and transportation.

Free Tennis Clinic

The Romulus Recreation Department and the United States Tennis Association are cosponsoring a free tennis clinic for ages 5 through adult at the Romulus High School tennis courts on Saturday, June 16, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Participants must bring a racquet (if you don't have one, extras will be available on a limited basis), a container of water, and tennis shoes. Register at the High School at 12:30 p.m. on June 16.

Soccer Clinic

Former soccer pro John Thiede will teach a four-day soccer clinic for elementary-age students, to be held June 25–28 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. behind the Recreation Center. (A second clinic will be set up for secondary students if there is enough interest.) A cost of \$25 also includes a shirt and ball.

Girls' Softball Clinic

Coach Knight and Coach Lock of the Romulus High School softball program are teaching a four-day girls' softball clinic, to be held at the High School July 9–12. Girls 5 to 13 will attend from 1:30 to 3 p.m. (pitching and catching from 3 to 3:30 p.m.); girls 14 to 17 will attend from 3:30 to 5 p.m. (pitching and catching from 5 to 5:30 p.m.). AT-shirt is included in the clinic's \$30 cost; proceeds benefit the RHS softball program.

To register, please call Ms. Knight at 734-941-2170, ext. 402.

Girls' Basketball Camp

Coach Rhonda McAllister of the Romulus High School girls' basketball program is conducting a five-day basketball camp at the High School from 1 to 4 p.m. the week of June 25–29. The goal of the camp is to teach fundamental skills (proper shooting, passing, rebounding, defense, and ball-handling techniques) to girls in grades 4 to 12, as well as to promote enthusiasm for the game of basketball. A cost of \$40 also includes a daily snack, camp shirt, and various contests.

To register, please call Ms. McAllister at 734-941-2170, ext. 182.

Gymnastics

The Romulus Recreation Department will offer a seven-week summer gymnastics program at the Recreation Center each Monday (June 18–July 30) according to the following schedule:

- preschool (under 5 years of age): 5:30 to 6:15 p.m.
- elementary-level (ages 5 to 12): 6:15 to 7 p.m.

Cost is \$48 per child.

Preschool Dance

The Romulus Recreation Department will offer preschool dance classes at the Center each Wednesday from June 13 to July 25 (no classes July 4) according to the following schedule:

- ballet (5 to 5:30 p.m.),
- jazz (5:30 to 6 p.m.), and
- tap (6 to 6:30 p.m.).

Cost is \$25 per student.

Elementary Dance Camp

Students ages 6 to 12 are invited to take part in the Romulus Recreation Department's four-day dance camp, to be held August 6–9 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the Recreation Center. Cost is \$60 per child. Participants must have tap shoes.

Summer Recreation

The Romulus Recreation Department's popular summer program for elementary-age boys and girls will begin June 25 and continue through August 3 at various sites, including:

- Burton Building (Monday–Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.), and
- Halecreek Elementary School (Monday–Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.).

Besides a wide variety of supervised fun activities, the program will also feature sessions to teach children about proper behavior and educate them against the use of drugs. These special sessions will be put on by a number of trained professionals who serve the Romulus community.

The cost of the six-week program is just \$25 per student. Parents must provide transportation to and from the program site.

Also offered in conjunction with the summer recreation program is a series of special Friday trips. The additional charge levied for these special trips varies with the destination; cost of transportation (from the Romulus Recreation Center to the trip destination and back) is included in the fee.

Advance registration may be made at the Recreation Center before June 25; otherwise, students can sign up/pay their registration fee at their recreation site through July 20.

Scholarships Available

The Recreation Department offers partial scholarships for young people whose parents are unable to afford program fees. Information about family income must be supplied to determine eligibility; all information will be held in the strictest confidence. Part of the funding for these scholarships is provided by the Mayor's Drug Task Force.

Quilters Welcome!

The Romulus Recreation Department invites quilters and "quilter wannabes" of all skill levels to drop in at the Center on Thursday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m. to share information and enjoy the company of fellow needleworkers.

Ceramics

The Romulus Recreation Department offers drop-in ceramics classes each Monday at 1 and 6 p.m. All are welcome.

Amusement Park Tickets

The Romulus Recreation Department offers discount tickets for a number of amusement facilities, including: Battle Creek Full Blast, Canada's Wonderland, Cedar Point, Crossroads Village, Detroit Zoo, Greenfield Village/Henry Ford Museum, Kings Island, Michigan Adventure, Michigan Renaissance Festival, Michigan State Fair, Six Flags, Beach Waterpark, and various wave pools.

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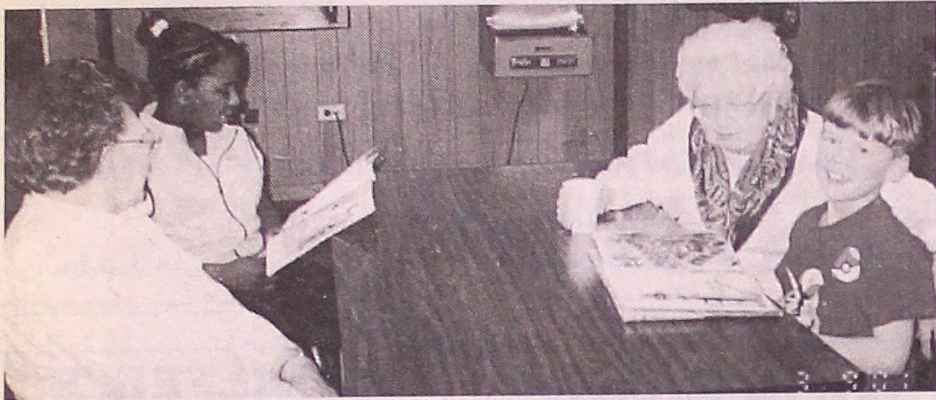
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Around the District



Participants in the 21st Century program's 1:1 after-school reading program – including LaJoya Rush and Daniel Akers – want to thank their "grandmothers" at the Romulus Senior Center – including Vi Willoughby (left) and Blanche Bogotski – for giving them a chance to practice their reading in a supportive environment.



Wick Elementary students (from left) Amanda Wagle, Shelby Woolford, Davon Jacquay, and Eric Wands each received a T-shirt for raising more than \$20 in a benefit for local A-T victim Bradley Bills. (Altogether, Wick students raised over \$2,500.) Kathy Hurst and the district's service-learning program provided ice cream for everyone after the event.



Beginning Band students from Merriman Elementary School – including (from left) Jacob Gladden, Dislin Deinaime, Alysse Whalen, Elizabeth Hardoin, Ashley Fitzpatrick, and Stephen Williams – were only a little nervous as they prepared themselves to perform in their first Spring Concert.



Symphony Band members from Romulus High School's Class of 2001 – (from left): front row – Tara Brown, Erik Hall, Jackie Hamilton, Kim Mingo, Jennifer Prater, Jeriesha Lee, Amy Hudson, and Talisa Garcia; back row – Keith Timbrooks, Joey Wasson, Joseph Brown, Larry Harris, Shawn Phenix, and Kristin Godard – prepared for their final performance.



Don Foley, Romulus High School principal, and his secretary, Eleonore Willmot (left), congratulate Class of 2001 graduate Kristin Godard, who won the "Student of the Month" program's annual end-of-year drawing for two roundtrip tickets to any U.S. destination, courtesy of Northwest Airlines.



Among the winners at the district's annual Elementary Track & Field Day event were (from left) Courtney Purvis (Cory School, 50-yard dash), Brittney McCloud (Cory School, softball throw), Brent Graves (Halecreek School, long jump), and Jennifer Kubicki (Halecreek School, one-mile run).

Sassy Seniors

By Mary E. Clark

Special thanks to Linda Norman, Senior Citizens Program Coordinator for the City of Romulus, and Melissa Morton, Manager of the Romulus Tower, for contributing information to this issue's "Sassy Seniors" column.

(For more information about events at the Romulus Senior Center, located at 36515 Bibbins downtown, please call 734-942-6852.)

Romulus Fire Department Thanked

Romulus Senior Center Program Coordinator Linda Norman wants to pass along the following message:

"A special thank-you to our wonderful full-time fire department. When they found out that senior citizens were playing softball in the summer heat, dedicated firemen were on the scene just in case of a problem. Even though the seniors knew that the firemen would have to leave in case of an emergency ... they felt safer playing ball."

Speaking of Senior Softball ...

Senior Softball is played every Monday and Thursday from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at Elmer Johnson Park.

"Senior Citizen of the Year" Sought

Lynn Alexander, Director of the Michigan Office of Services to the Aging, has announced that nominations for the Senior Citizen of the Year award will be accepted from local organizations until the deadline date of Friday, July 20. The award, sponsored by the OSA and the Michigan State Fair, recognizes persons 60 and older in the areas of service and leadership.

Winners will receive a cash award made possible by Consumers Energy Company and will be presented on Monday, August 27 (Senior Citizens Day at the Michigan State Fair).

"Michigan is home to many active seniors committed to helping others and building our communities," said Alexander. "Winners in this annual awards competition come from all walks of life. We are looking for those unsung heroes who strive to be of service to their peers and community."

John Hertel, General Manager of the State Fair, added, "The wisdom, knowledge, and dedication seniors contribute is immeasurable. This award is an opportunity to highlight those contributions, and we are pleased to have this long-standing partnership with the OSA in sponsoring this award."

Nomination forms are available through any of the 16 local Area Agencies on Aging, or they may be obtained from the OSA by calling 517-373-8230.

Nomination forms and information can also be found on the OSA Web site: <http://www.MiSeniors.net>.

Completed forms should be sent to Senior Citizen of the Year, Michigan Office of Services to the Aging, P.O. Box 30676, Lansing, MI 48909-8176.

Winners will be notified in writing. Attendance at the awards presentation is not necessary to win.

Senior Olympics

Romulus residents who wish to take part in the 16th annual Downriver Senior Olympics program, to be held the week of August 6-10, must fill out and return an application form to the Romulus Senior Center by June 30.

Competitions (in several different age divisions) will be held in the following events: baking, euchre, pinochle, bridge, swimming, bowling, bocce ball, shuffleboard, darts, horseshoes, ping pong, billiards, tennis, volleyball, golf ("best ball" scramble, longest drive, and closest to pin), walking, basketball shoot, softball throw, ring toss, frisbee toss, football toss, and soccer kick.

Applications, fee information, etc., are available at the Center.

Health Check

On Friday, June 22, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., representatives from the Oakwood Healthcare System will be at the Romulus Senior Center to perform blood-pressure checks, blood sugar tests, and total cholesterol and HDL cholesterol checks. The tests are available to people age 55 and up for \$5.

Haircuts

The Romulus Senior Center's next haircut date is set for Monday, June 18, beginning at 9 a.m. If you would like to take advantage of this affordable (\$5) program, call the Center to make an appointment.

Note: All haircut clients are asked to wash their hair before coming to their appointment, as the Center does not have the necessary facilities.

Crime Watch

The Romulus Police Department's Crime Prevention Officer, Damian Hull, will be at the Romulus Senior Center from 10 to 11 a.m. on Thursday, June 28, for the Center's monthly Crime Watch program. New faces always welcome.

Ask the Attorney

Local attorney Steve Robinson's monthly "Ask the Attorney" program – a free consultation service for Romulus senior citizens – has been scheduled for 3 to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, June 20.

As always, both walk-ins (36515 Bibbins) and call-ins (734-942-6852). □

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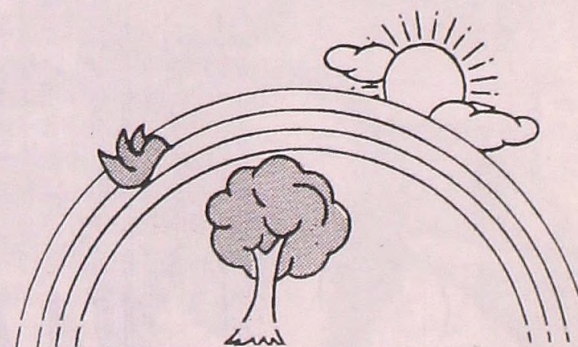
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Community Calendar

- **United Men's/Women's Day Celebration** – Smith Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church (3505 Walnut Street, Inkster) cordially invites the public to attend its United Men's/Women's Day Celebration events, including: **Juneteenth Celebration** (picnic, auction, games, car wash, and more; Saturday, June 16, from 12 to 6 p.m.) and **Morning Worship Service** (guest speakers include the dynamic Drs. Henry and Ella Mitchell from Atlanta, Georgia; Sunday, June 24, at 11 a.m.). For more information, call the church at 313-561-2837.
- **Cruise Night** – Romulus Auto Supply and Romulus Showtime Video invite you to dress up '50s style, get into your classic car, drive over to their downtown parking lot on Goddard Road, and spend a warm summer night bringing back old memories (or making new ones) on "Cruise Night" – a semimonthly event that will feature the simple pleasures of hot dogs, soft drinks, good music, and even better company. Cruise Night will begin at 6 p.m. every Tuesday (next date: June 19) through the end of September. For more information, call 734-942-7999.
- **Cable Commission Meeting** – The next meeting of the Romulus Cable Commission will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 19, in the Council Chambers at Romulus City Hall (11111 S. Wayne Rd., at Goddard Rd.). The meeting will be televised on cable channel 12.
- **Michigan Opera Theatre Holds Chorus Auditions for Adults, Children** – Michigan Opera Theatre will hold auditions for the MOT Chorus and Children's Chorus for the 2001–2002 season at Central Woodward Christian Church (3955 West Big Beaver Road, Troy) on Monday, June 25, and Tuesday, June 26. Appointments for auditions may be made by calling Elizabeth Neds-Fox at 313-237-3405. Those interested in auditioning should come prepared with a photo and resume, and must have prepared two memorized musical selections, one in English and one in a foreign language. An accompanist will be provided. MOT's 2001–2002 season features a new production of Bizet's *Carmen*, Armen Tigranian's *Anoush*, Verdi's *Otello*, Leo Delibes' exotic opera *Lakmé*, and Mozart's *The Marriage of Figaro*. All productions will be sung in their original languages.
- **The Mayor's Chair** – The next edition of the monthly *Mayor's Chair* program will air on cable channel 12 beginning at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 12. Anyone who would like to be present when the program is taped must be seated in the Council Chambers at Romulus City Hall (11111 S. Wayne Rd., at Goddard) by 6:15 p.m. Beginning at 6 p.m., home viewers can ask questions of the Mayor and his guests by calling 734-942-7571.
- **Adult Ed Programs** – Romulus/Van Buren Adult Education is offering special summer GED classes (starting June 18) for community members who do not have their high-school diplomas. For details, call 734-941-0610.
- **"Fourth of July" Hometown Celebration** – The City of Romulus is hosting its annual Hometown Celebration during the Independence Day holiday. Kicking off the festivities will be the annual parade (Tuesday, July 3; departs from City Hall at 6 p.m.); the following day, the City's all-day party at Elmer Johnson Park will include a softball tournament, community picnic, children's games, music, and fireworks. For more information, call the Romulus Recreation Department at 734-942-6852.
- **Golf Outing** – The Romulus Police Officers Association invites you to take part in its annual charity golf outing on Friday, August 3, at Shady Hollow Golf Course (34777 Smith Road, Romulus). The event will begin at 7 a.m. with registration; the shotgun start is set for 8 a.m. A donation of \$70 per person includes (no refunds) covers 18 holes, a golf cart, golf shirt, lunch, steak dinner, beer and pop, and door prizes. Call Officers Duane Smith, Jim Poet, Steve Littleton, or Rodney Staffeld at 734-941-8400, ext. 380.
- **Crafters Needed** – St. Aloysius Catholic Church (Romulus) is looking for crafters who would like to participate in its annual end-of-summer festival, set for August 24–26. For additional information, call the church rectory at 734-941-5056 (Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.).
- **Open Registration at Romulus Head Start** – Romulus Head Start is now enrolling three- and four-year-old children for its free preschool program. For eligibility information, call 734-727-9920.

To place information in our next issue's Community Calendar, mail it to "the little paper" at P.O. Box 74038, Romulus, MI 48174-0038; FAX it to us at 941-4874; or call 941-1907 or 941-3113

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Obituaries

John A. Brown

John A. Brown of Romulus, Michigan, died on Tuesday, May 29, 2001. He was 54 years old.

John – born March 16, 1947, in Columbia, Tennessee – was a member of Masonic Lodge #172 (Dearborn, MI).

Among those surviving him are his wife, Robin Brown; a daughter, Ms. Carly E. Brown (Dearborn Heights, MI); three brothers, Mr. Ron D. (Cherie) Brown

(Nicholsville, KY), Mr. James M. Brown (Dearborn Heights), and Mr. Larry W. Brown (Beaver Creek, OH); and one grandchild, Alyson.

A funeral service was held on Saturday, June 2, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus), with the Reverend Marvin Hawbaker (Calvary Baptist Church of Romulus) officiating. Interment was at Glen Eden Cemetery (Livonia, MI).

John W. Burnett

John W. Burnett of Westland, Michigan, died on Sunday, June 10, 2001. He was 71 years old.

The former member of the American Legion and Moose Lodge #538 (Garden City, MI) was born in Madisonville, Kentucky, on November 19, 1929.

Among those surviving John are four daughters, Anita (Richard) Baldwin (Romulus, MI), Ms. Valerie D. Christensen (Westland), Ms. Karen Burnett (Westland), and Ms. Michele Anderson

(West Branch, MI); four sons, John W. (Portland, OR), Mark A. (Farmington, MI), Scott J. (Kansas City, MO), and Sean M. Burnett (Kansas City); two sisters, Mrs. Nancy (Irseal) Marentette (Prescott, MI) and Mrs. Mary Smith (Rockwell, AR); and eight grandchildren.

A funeral service was held on Wednesday, June 13, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus), with the Reverend Bob McDonald officiating. Burial was at Romulus Memorial Cemetery.

Jayne M. Landreville

Jayne M. Landreville of New Boston, Michigan, died on Tuesday, June 12, 2001. She was 42 years old.

The Northwest Airlines reservations clerk was born in Wayne, Michigan, on November 14, 1958.

Jayne was the dear daughter of Arthella (Swim) Stoner (New Boston) and the late James S. Stoner; daughter-in-law of R. Keith (Norma) Landreville (Cedarville, MI) and the late Shirley

Landreville; sister of Shirley (Phillip) Orth (Lindeville, IN), Kathleen (Kevin) Garland (Sterling Heights, MI), and James (Marcia) Stoner (New Boston); sister-in-law of Renee (Jim) Bruce (OR), Miles Landreville (Allen Park, MI), and Lyle (Judy) Landreville (MN); and the aunt of Jahau Khaksar and Troy Garland; Zachary, Chelsea, and Emily Stoner; Brianna and Aaron Bruce; David, Angela, and Keith Landreville; and Miles, Shannon, and Sonja Landreville.

A funeral service – conducted by Jayme's mother, Arthella – was held on Friday, June 15, at the David C. Brown Funeral Home (Belleville, MI). Interment was at Mallet Cemetery (New Boston).

A memorial fund is to be established for Jayme's daughter, Rachel Ellen Landreville. □

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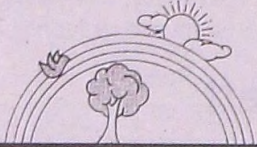
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